

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph [0066] of the published application with the following:

FIG. 9 and FIG. 10 represent Example 3, in which the same reference symbols as those in Example 1 and Example 2 will be designated by the same symbols, and their repeated detailed description will be omitted. According to the Example 2, the upper surface 2A of the die 2 on which ~~feed 5 is slidably provided~~ feeder 5 slides freely is formed with a surface treatment layer 21 by water repellency imparting treatment to the surface 2A for improving its liquid repelling ability (i.e., reducing the wetting action of the aqueous solution L) relative to the surface 2A, or by arranging water repellent material thereon. An angle Y' of contact of the surface treatment layer 21 relative to the aqueous solution L is larger than an angle X' of contact of the surface made from the material of the die 2 itself, or in Example 3 the surface 10 of the through-hole 1, relative to the aqueous solution L ( $Y' > X'$ ), thus enabling the said wetting action to be reduced. The above surface treatment layer 21 may be formed from silicone- or fluorine-based resin such as those including Si—H bond, or C—H bond, etc., or from nonpolar substances, as shown in Table 5.